

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA

JANUARY 22, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - A. Minutes of 1/07/13 City Council Meeting.
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Communications
  - A. Letter from Maxine Smirles
6. Presentation of Petitions and Disposal Thereof by Reference or Otherwise
7. Mayor's Report
8. Reports of Standing Committees
9. Reports of Special Committees, City Officers and City Manager
10. Nominations, Appointments and Elections
11. Lay on Table

12. Unfinished Business

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 8-13 Amend Chapter 24 Housing Code Ordinance.

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 22-13 Authorizing the City Manager to Sell Surplus City Property.

12. New Business

Other:

- A. Discussion on Release of the Legal Opinion on the Tax Cap Issued through a City Manager Memo on 12/07/12 – Councilor Witham.

14. Comments by Visitors

15. Closing Comments by Council Members

16. Future Agenda Items

17. Nonpublic Session (as necessary, pending roll call vote by Council)

18. Adjournment

January 16, 2013

To Somersworth City Councilors

This letter concerns the tax cap voted in by Somersworth residents. Every year since I've lived in Somersworth taxes have gone up. I'm retired and concerned about the ever increasing tax rate Somersworth officials deem necessary.

Don't you think it's about time the people of Somersworth have some relief from the constant yearly tax increases?

Perhaps it's time for Somersworth to live within its means. Look for places to cut back or stop the ever increasing spending.

Thank you.

Maxine Smirles  
A concerned taxpayer

ORDINANCE NO. 8-13 : AMEND CHAPTER 24 HOUSING CODE ORDINANCE.

Somersworth NH  
January 7, 2013

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 24, Housing Code, by deleting it in its entirety, and replacing with the following Chapter 24, Property Maintenance Code:

CHAPTER 24 - Property Maintenance Code

**24.A Property Maintenance Code**

**24.A.1** A certain document, two (2) copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk and/or The Development Services Office of the City of Somersworth, being marked and designated as “2009 International Property Maintenance Code” as published by the International Code Council (ICC), is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Somersworth in the State of New Hampshire. For the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of said Property Maintenance Code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made part hereof, as if fully set out in this Ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, if any.

**24.A.2** The ICC’s International Property Maintenance Code is amended and revised in the following respect:

Section 101.1 Insert: [City of Somersworth]  
Section 103.5 Delete section  
Section 112.4 Insert \$100 and \$1,000  
Section 302.4 Insert [10 inches]  
Section 304.14 Insert [May 1 to August 31]  
Section 602.3 Insert [October 1 to June 1]  
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Section 602.4 Insert [October 1 to June 1]

**24.B Reserved**

**24.C Reserved**

**24.D Severability**

**24.D.1** Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage.

Introduced by Councilors

Robin Jarvis  
Jonathan McCallion  
Coty Donohue

Approved

City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 22-13 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL  
SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY.

Somersworth, NH  
January 7, 2013

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has acquired the following parcels of property through tax deed,

- 301 Green Street, Map 19 Block 1
- 31 Stackpole Road, Map 20 Block 5

and

WHEREAS, the properties were presented to City Boards to include the Conservation Commission and Planning Board to determine if any municipal need exists for the property; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the aforementioned there has been no determined municipal need for the property and it may be considered surplus,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to sell these surplus city properties by any means determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Introduced by

Mayor Matthew Spencer  
Councilor Jonathan McCallion

Approved:

City Attorney